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MUSICAL PRODIGES.

Out of every thousand girls who leave the small towns throughout the country to go to New York, Boston and Chicago to study voice, only one ever succeeds in making a notable success, and a very small percentage of the remaining 999 are able even to make a living by the education they acquire. These are the figures given by a writer in a late issue of *Munsey's*.

There is probably no subject which needs more careful consideration in the family than this question of sending too ambitious girls to the cities to prepare for a career, whether the career be in music, art or drama. It is quite a general parental characteristic to believe that one's daughter possesses very remarkable abilities in one line or another, and admiring friends are too frequently willing to help the illusion along with unbounded praise and encouragement. But what may seem a very remarkable degree of ability in a town of two or three thousand—or even many more thousand—people gets woefully lost and becomes even less than average when it comes into competition with the hosts who have gone before with

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their abilities into the market places of art.

And it requires so many other things besides mere musical ability to make a successful career possible for the ambitious young woman. A certain degree of comeliness is almost indispensable, and there must be a goodly leaven of that indelible something, that nameless way of wearing one's clothes and that characteristic of carriage, bearing and manner called style. These are not only the demands of the operatic stage to which so few aspirants ever attain, but of the far less ambitious career of concert soloist or church singer. All these things the aspirant to the opera must have, and she must have so very much more. She must have, first, an excellent education, and she must know French, German and Italian. And she must have a capacity for thinking and reasoning and feeling. And these are but the other characteristics which she must add to the first necessary possession—a voice of remarkable quality and one capable of standing the tremendous strain of voice culture.

How much lacking in the necessary

qualifications for success is the average girl who goes forth from the little home in the quiet little town bent upon conquering the artistic world, the most of the world, with the exception of the girl herself and her parents, fully realize. Her stay in New York or Boston or wherever she may have chosen to study, is expensive. There are few homes that send forth the art student without feeling the financial strain thereof. And the two, three or more years she is away weans her from home ties and from home associations and environments. New York gets all manner of fool notions in her head, so she does not like the quiet, uneventful life of the little town any more. She has fed too long on unnatural excitement and has lost the perspective from which she may measure the relative value of things. And she has failed or she has ended up in the chorus of some western-bound show which is infinitely worse for her than if she had failed to get even that. But when there is not even a place in the chorus to be had she returns home. It isn't home as home used to be, for she has lost harmony with it. She no longer fits, and she, as well as the father and mother who have sacrificed so much and who suffer for the disappointment as keenly as she, realizes it. But it's too late—the damage is irremediable.

It's far and away better for the girl herself to know absolutely that she has at least a fighting chance for being one of the possible dozen out of the thousand who can make a reasonable success as a singer or an artist before she undertakes the bitter experience of New York.

KANSAS CITY JUDGE DENIES MURDERER BAIL

Kansas City, Dec. 18.—Judge Latshaw today denied the application for bail for Eugene Hays, a wealthy Oklahoma cattleman, who shot and killed his business partner, Edward Hays, here two months ago. Leo Russell, a wealthy Texas cattle owner, testified that Eugene Hays told him he expected to kill Edward Hays. Hays says he shot in self-defense. The two Hays' were not related.

AUXILIARY CRUISER SAILS FOR NICARAGUAN PORT

Panama, Dec. 18.—The auxiliary cruiser Buffalo, with seven hundred marines on board, sailed at midnight for Corinto, Nicaragua. It is understood the marines will not be landed unless it is absolutely necessary.

100 YEARS OLD.

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CRUEL MOTHER DESERTS SEVEN-YEAR-OLD SON

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It was evident at the time of her departure that she fully intended deserting the child, as she left word if any one did not take the youngster he was to be sent to the Children's Home in Albuquerque.

Mrs. Thompson, who was the step-mother of the child, claimed that she was not responsible for the boy, but the law states that she is responsible.

Dr. C. E. Lukens, superintendent of the Children's Home Society at Al-

bquerque, arrived in the city today and will take the boy to the Children's Home at Albuquerque tonight.

It is not so very long that Ray Thompson was taken into custody in Las Vegas by the authorities of Hillsdale for deserting a child at that place and also for larceny from his aged mother. Mrs. Thompson at the time thought the family reputation had been slandered, but it appears that Mrs. Thompson is also inclined to do the "French exit" stunt. From what can be learned about the city, Mrs. Thompson was aided here in getting away from the city.

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Bring your Christmas problems here and they will be problems no longer. As you go from counter to counter you will see many things, useful and pretty, that will prove exactly suitable for some one on your list—and you'll find the price easily within your means.

Our Christmas preparations have been made on a larger scale than ever before—everything was chosen with great care so that none but goods of worthy quality are here. Visit the store often—the Christmas spirit permeates the store, stocks and people—enjoy selection where satisfaction is assured.

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(Some have shoes to match.)
Bath Robe Blankets \$2.00, \$3.50, \$5.00 and \$8.00
Showing stands, mirror, cup and brush, all on one stand \$1.75, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.00
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